

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 17 and 18.

1. (Original) A device for attachment to a host for serial data communication comprising:

means for transferring to the host a predetermined data structure indicating whether or not the device supports direct memory access.

2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for transferring is responsive to a request from the host.

3. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the predetermined data structure is one of a plurality of data structures transferred at one time to the host.

4. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the device is a USB device and the predetermined data structure is a descriptor.

5. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the descriptor is a non-standard descriptor.

6. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein the predetermined data structure extends a preceding descriptor.

7. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claims 4, 5 ~~or 6~~ wherein the predetermined data structure is transferred during the device enumeration.

8. (Original) A host for attachment to a device for serial data communication comprising:

transfer means for transferring a predetermined data structure identifying whether or not the device supports direct memory access, from the device to the host.

9. (Currently Amended) A host as claimed in claim 8, wherein the transfer means is arranged to request the device to send at least the predetermined data structure.

10. (Currently Amended) A host as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the predetermined data structure is one of a plurality of data structures transferred at one time to the host.

11. (Currently Amended) A host as claimed in claim 8, ~~9 or 10~~ wherein the host is a USB host and the predetermined data structure is a descriptor.

12. (Original) A host as claimed in claim 11, wherein the descriptor is a non-standard descriptor.

13. (Currently Amended) A host as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the predetermined data structure extends a previously transferred descriptor.

14. (Currently Amended) A host as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 8 ~~to 13~~, further comprising allocation means for allocating tasks relating to data transfer from/to the device in dependence upon the content of the predetermined data structure.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~device~~ host as claimed in claims 11, ~~12 or 13~~ wherein the predetermined data structure is transferred during the enumeration of the device by the host.

16. (Original) A system comprising a host, a device and a serial data

interconnect between the host and device, comprising:

means for transferring, from the device to the host via the serial data interconnect, a predetermined data structure indicating whether or not the device supports direct memory access.

17. Cancelled

18. Cancelled